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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

July 28, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said, "Have the people recline." So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted.

MASSES

Lord's Day Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m. in the church

Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. in the church

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday 5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.

or by appointment



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As individuals and families, our mission as the Parish Community of Saint Joseph is to live fully the call of Jesus Christ, to be the People of God by giving witness to the Gospel, passing on our Catholic tradition, strengthening the spiritual life of parishioners and serving those in need. We are committed to being an active, welcoming, and supportive community, proclaiming Christ's teaching through word and deed.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



Saturday, July 27, 2024

4:00PM **Theresa Modzelewski**
11th Anniversary Remembrance
by her daughter, Theresa Sarsfield

Sunday, July 28, 2024

8:30AM **Timothy Fleming**
1st Anniversary Remembrance
by sister-in-law Anna

10:30AM **Steven Chomo**
Anniversary Remembrance
by cousin Patricia

Monday, July 29, 2024

8:00AM **Rose Hanson**
by Mari and Bob Haroian

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

8:00AM **Chet Jankowski**
Birthday Remembrance
by family

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

8:00AM **People of St. Joseph Parish**

Thursday, August 1, 2024

5:00PM **Bishop Daniel P. Reilly**

Friday, August 2, 2024

8:00AM **Bill and Joan**

Saturday, August 3, 2024

4:00PM **Fr. Peter H. White**

Sunday, August 4, 2024

8:30AM **Gail Cicio**
Birthday Remembrance
by family

10:30AM **Albert Bissonnette**
by family



Saturday, August 3, 2024

Holy Communion Fred Fraini/Carol Fraini
Lector Lucie LaJeunesse
Altar Server Jean Ashton

Sunday, August 4, 2024

8:30am
Holy Communion Len Angers/Jean Ashton
Marek Sitkowski
Lector Mary Skorvanek
Altar Server Patty Bickford

10:30am
Holy Communion Dianne Trumbour +2
Lector Scott Maselek
Altar Server Paul Molis

Deborah Halley - Carlo Whaley- Donna Perron
John (Woody) Wood - Lois Maniero
Susan Schmidt - Judy Maillet - Elaine Lamb
Thomas McMahon - Elsie Faneuil - Julia
William Daniels - Anne Berberian
Marianne and Robert Haroian - Lana Khoury
Joseph Cloutier, Jr. - Derek Degon
Joyce and Bruce Seaman - Judith Daniels
Patrick and Kate Dee - Francis Kavanagh
Patty Snow - Arthur Cote - Victoria Crowe
Steven Dufault - Richard Chiras - Michelle Kist
Deborah and Victoria Mink - Francis Khoury
Peggy Markvenas - Timmy Canty - Iris Wood
Kayla, Patrick and Olive O'Donnell
Linda J. Harris - Giuseppe Struppa
Lynne Gobbi - John Cunningham
Derek Lapointe- Christopher Chiras

Join the Parish

Become a member of Saint Joseph Parish.
Fill out one of the Parish Enrollment Forms
found in the vestibule of the church or on the
back table of the parish center. Place it in the
mail, deliver it personally, or drop it in the
collection basket.



Auburn, Massachusetts

Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,

The United States of America has entered the political cycle for elections. Election Day is only about 100 days away. Just remember that by election day we will be wearing jackets and running the heating systems.

The Catholic Church teaches that the members of the Church should be active in the political process. The Church encourages people to vote their conscience on election day. The following was published in 2002 by the *Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith* and it is still relevant today:

The commitment of Christians in the world has found a variety of expressions in the course of the past 2000 years. One such expression has been Christian involvement in political life: Christians, as one Early Church writer stated, “play their full role as citizens”. Among the saints, the Church venerates many men and women who served God through their generous commitment to politics and government. Among these, Saint Thomas More, who was proclaimed Patron of Statesmen and Politicians, gave witness by his martyrdom to “the inalienable dignity of the human conscience”. Though subjected to various forms of psychological pressure, Saint Thomas More refused to compromise, never forsaking the “constant fidelity to legitimate authority and institutions” which distinguished him; he taught by his life and his death that “man cannot be separated from God, nor politics from morality”.

It is commendable that in today’s democratic societies, in a climate of true freedom, everyone is made a participant in directing the body politic. Such societies call for new and fuller forms of participation in public life by Christian and non-Christian citizens alike. Indeed, all can contribute, by voting in elections for lawmakers and government officials, and in other ways as well, to the development of political solutions and legislative choices which, in their opinion, will benefit the common good. The life of a democracy could not be productive without the active, responsible and generous involvement of everyone, “albeit in a diversity and complementarity of forms, levels, tasks, and responsibilities”.

By fulfilling their civic duties, “guided by a Christian conscience”, in conformity with its values, the lay faithful exercise their proper task of infusing the temporal order with Christian values, all the while respecting the nature and rightful autonomy of that order, and cooperating with other citizens according to their particular competence and responsibility. The consequence of this fundamental teaching of the Second Vatican Council is that ‘the lay faithful are never to relinquish their participation in ‘public life’, that is, in the many different economic, social, legislative, administrative and cultural areas, which are intended to promote organically and institutionally the common good’. This would include the promotion and defense of goods such as public order and peace, freedom and equality, respect for human life and for the environment, justice and solidarity.

Given that guidance, it is imperative that we ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten us as we approach Election Day.



Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba

Stewardship!!!

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” (John 6:9)

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!



Sunday, July 28, 2024



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AA Meeting 7:00PM-9:00PM Lower Church Hall

Monday, July 29, 2024

CMSC Driver's Education 8:30AM-3:00PM Parish Center

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Thursday, August 1, 2024

CMSC Driver's Education 8:30AM-3:00PM Parish Center

Friday, August 2, 2024

CMSC Driver's Education 8:30AM-3:00PM Parish Center

Saturday, August 3, 2024

Plumbing School 8:00AM-5:00PM Parish Center

Sunday, August 4, 2024

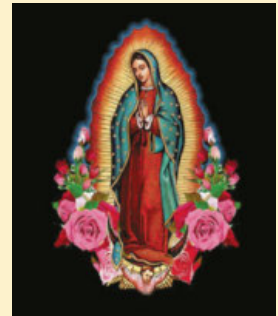
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Traveling Silver Rose

The KofC Council 12710 of Sutton/Millbury will host the Silver Rose at St. Brigid Parish, 59 Main St., Millbury, at 6pm Tues., Aug. 27 and at St. Mark Parish, 356 Boston Rd., Sutton, at 7pm Wed., Aug. 28, as the Rose makes its pilgrimage through Canada, the United States and Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes is a rosary-centered occasion to pray for respect for life and advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Parish Support



Weekly Goal	\$7,500
Last Weekend	\$2,872
Shortfall	(\$4,628)
Year to Date	
Budget	\$217,500
Collections	\$107,027
Electronic Payment	\$8,025
Shortfall	(\$102,448)

There will not be a second collection this weekend.
 The second collection next weekend will be for
Maintenance.
 Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

2024 PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal. Partners in Charity is the annual appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 28 charitable, educational



and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization and worship.

Saint Joseph Parish has reached 76% of our goal of \$60,700.

That is \$45,877 from 127 donors.

If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please prayerfully do so by filling out a commitment pledge envelope in the back of the church near the last pews and returning it in the collection basket, to the church office or by mailing it directly to the Diocesan office on Elm Street in Worcester. Gifts can also be made online at

www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus – July 29

Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. The sisters felt free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seemed to spell almost certain death.

Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27).



No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion, she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner. The Lord recognizes that Martha is "worried about many things," also noting that Mary, who has spent the preparation time at Jesus' feet listening to his words "has chosen the better part." John 12:1-8 describes Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet at Bethany, an act which he praised highly.

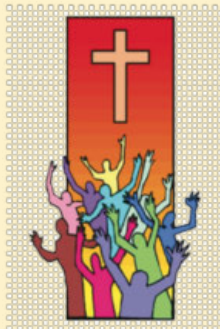
Immediately after we are told that the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus "because many of the Jews were turning away and believing in Jesus because of him." Lazarus was the one of whom the Jews said, "See how much he loved him." In their sight Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead.

Legends abound about the life of Lazarus after the death and resurrection of Jesus. He is supposed to have left a written account of what he saw in the next world before he was called back to life. Some say he followed Peter into Syria. Another story is that despite being put into a leaking boat by the Jews at Jaffa, he, his sisters, and others landed safely in Cyprus. There he died peacefully after serving as bishop for 30 years.

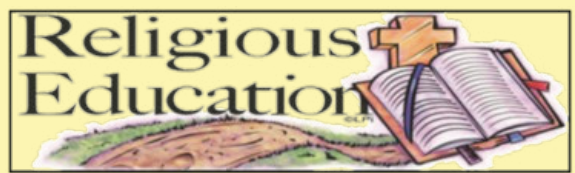
Source: *Franciscan Media*

Young Adult Pizza Meeting in Worcester

The Diocesan Young Adult Ministry will hold a pizza and brainstorming meeting for young adults between the ages of 20-30 **from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 28** at 51 Illinois St., Worcester (House of Studies), for those interested in meeting other young adults and expanding young adult youth ministry in the Diocese of Worcester. **RSVP by noon on July 28th to donato.infante@gmail.com.**



NEWS
FROM



Religious Ed Registration continues...

It is important to register your child for classes during the summer months, as we need the information before we can coordinate classes and order supplies. **Please, update the religious education forms and return with payment to the Religious Education office on or before July 31. After July 31st, a late fee of \$10.00 per student will be added.** The registration fee remains the same at \$80.00 per student with cap of \$175.00 per family of 3 or more children. If you need another form, please email the office at stjoesreledaub@gmail.com, and one will be sent.

You can mail your registration with payment, drop it in the basket at mass, or place it in the box outside the parish center. The box is emptied daily. Welcome letters and a September calendar will be mailed by the middle of August. Looking forward to another great year!!



Religious Ed Teacher Needed ~

We are in need of a grade six teacher Monday evenings from 6:45-8:00pm. If you have an interest teaching or would like more information, please give Lisa a call at 508-832-6683 or email: stjoesreledaub@gmail.com.

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